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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

29-31 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration
contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of 2 1/2 story brick houses, with gable roofs and a single dormer window apiece, formed part of an original row of such houses that extended along this side of Montgomery St. Both houses are in extremely poor condition with large portions of the facade filled in with concrete blocks. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

The houses are 2 1/2 stories in height, just over 12' in width, and extend back on lots about 71' deep. They are constructed in Flemish bond. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with tarpaper. Tall rectangular chimneys are located at the eastern and western ends of the houses. A simple brick cornice extends across the facade. All of the door and window openings have flat stone lintels and wood sills. No original sash remains and the openings are either empty or filled with concrete block. The houses sit on a high basement, but no steps to the entrances remain.

The floor plans conform to the type described under 25-27 E. Montgomery St. See under 25-27 E. Montgomery St.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1824-1826

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Hollingsworth

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is important as being among the few surviving 2 1/2 story houses built in the Federal Hill area in the first decades of the nineteenth century. The houses show the two room deep floor plan, with staircase between the two rooms, typical to houses of this type built after 1820 (as opposed to the earlier one room deep plan). Like other 2 1/2 story houses of this period, these houses were built to supply the housing needs of the ever growing number of workers moving into the area to work at waterfront-related jobs or at local trades. The first owner of 29 Montgomery St. was David Crouch, a carter; the first owner of 31 Montgomery was Joseph Hammond, a coppersmith and tin plate worker.¹

The houses were built by Thomas Hollingsworth, a house carpenter who was active in the area in the early years of the century and seems to have built 722 S. Charles St. and similar structures extending along W. Hughes St. which are now gone. The houses have recently been sold by the City to private owners and hopefully will soon be restored.

These two houses are noteworthy for the fact that both of the original owners' sons took over the houses after their father's deaths and continued to live at this location until the 1880's. This stable pattern of home ownership is in direct opposition to that seen on the north side of Montgomery St., in the unite block, where a number of the early houses were soon converted to taverns and boarding houses.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1824

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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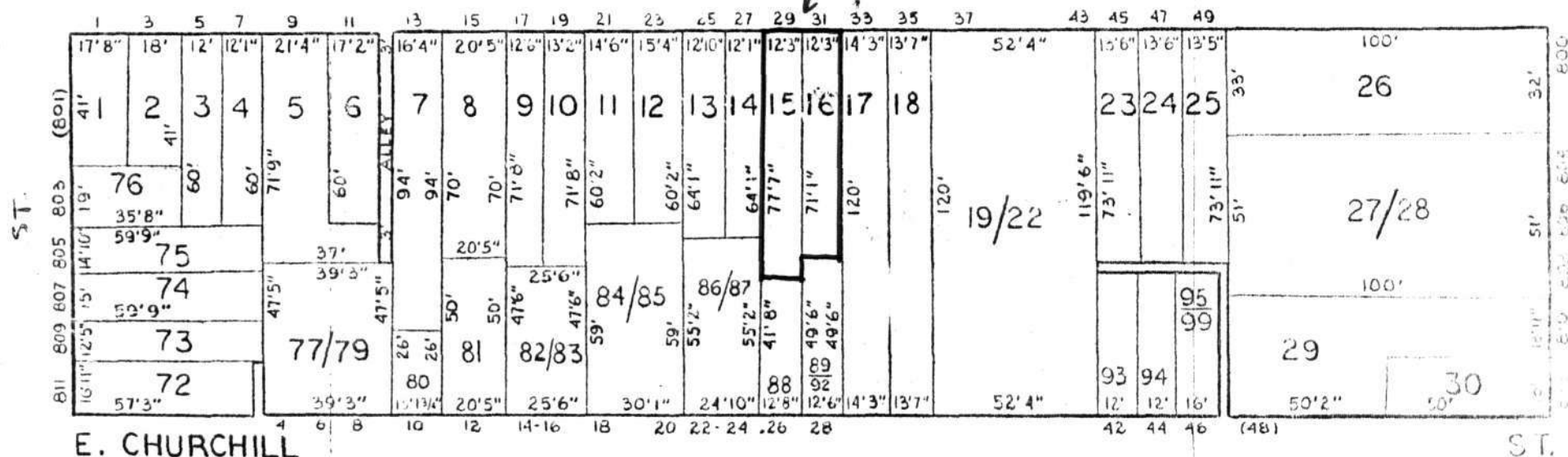
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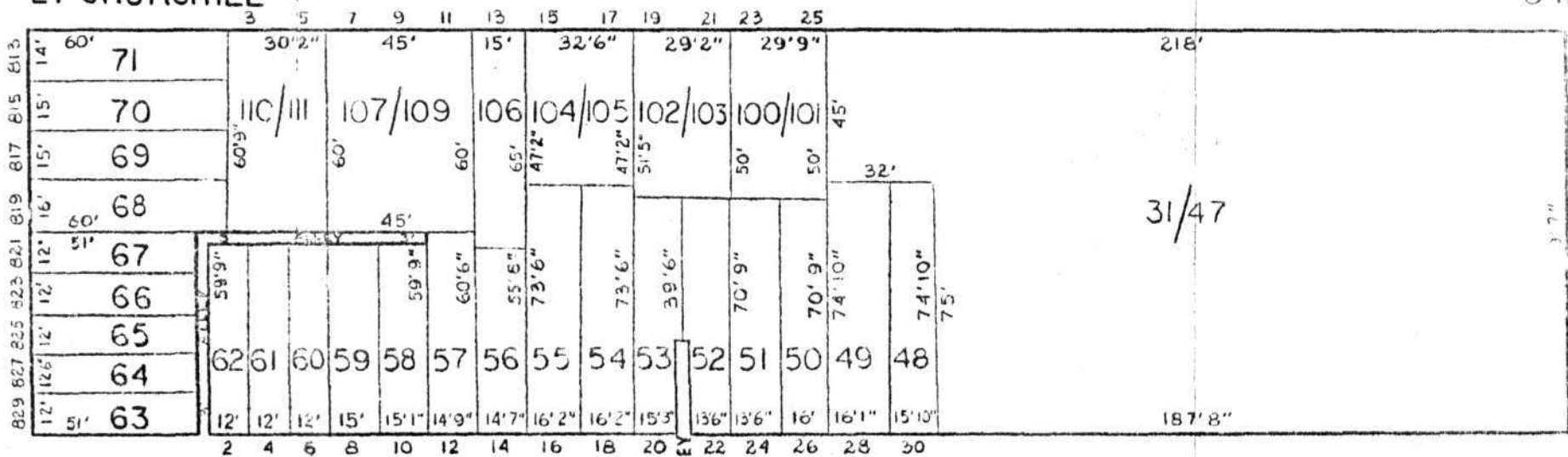
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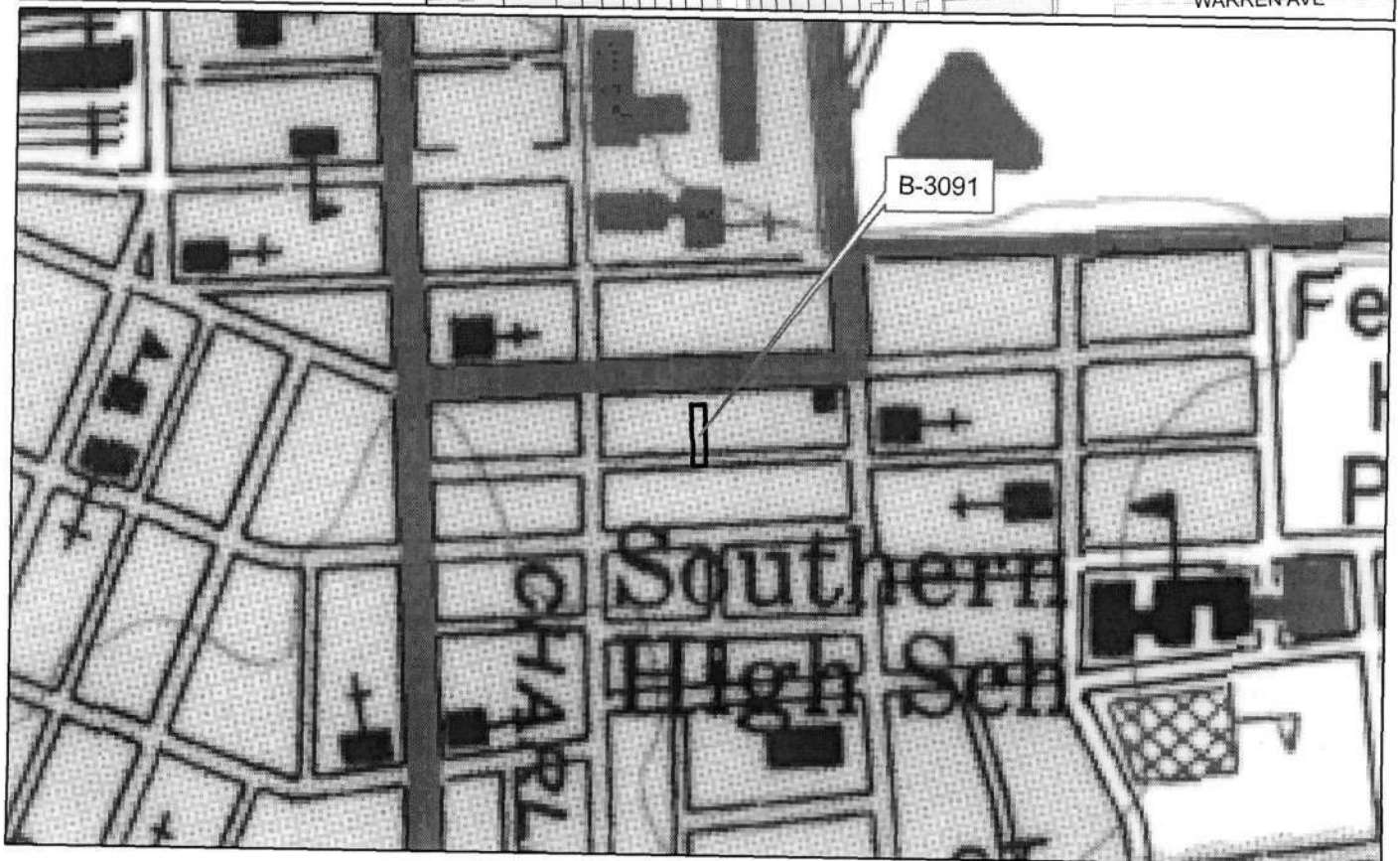
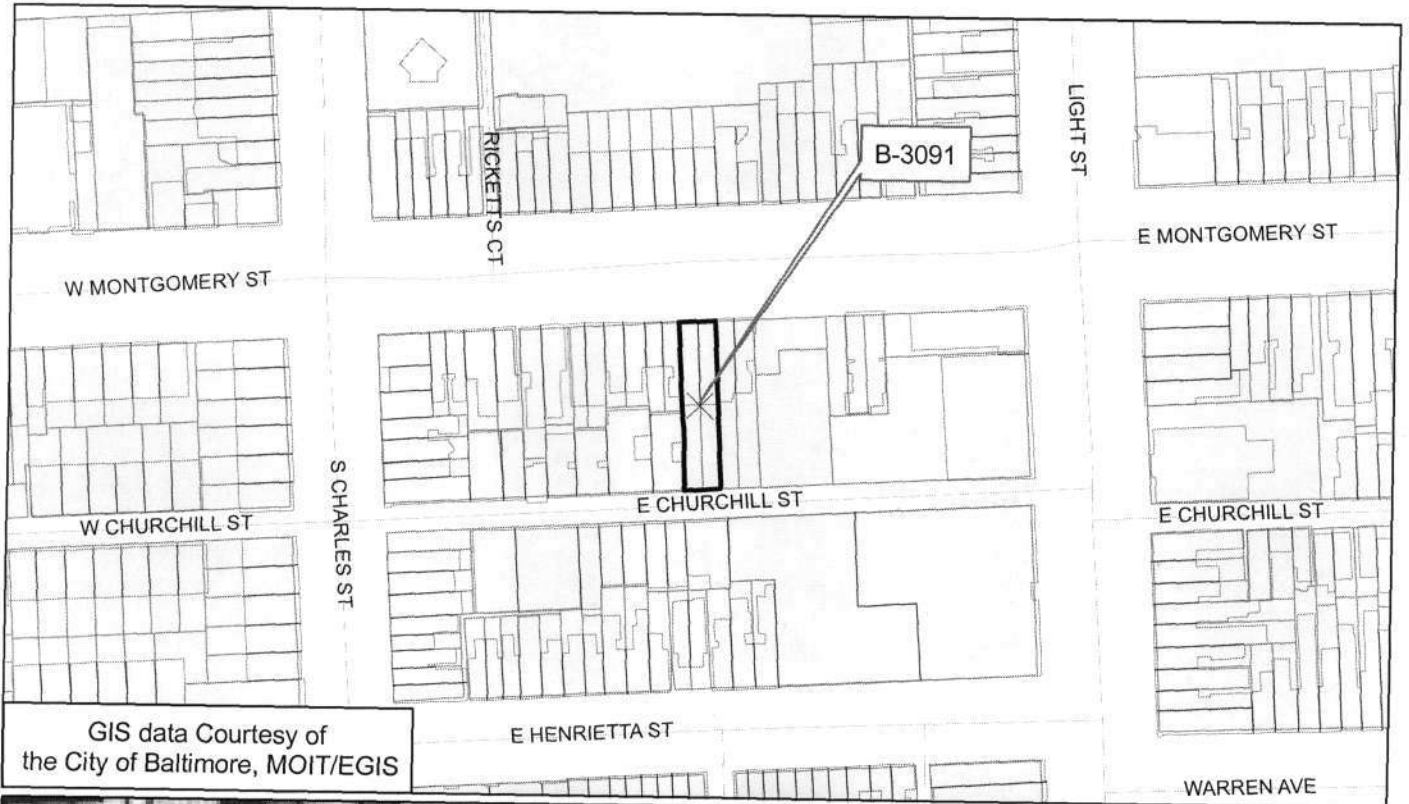
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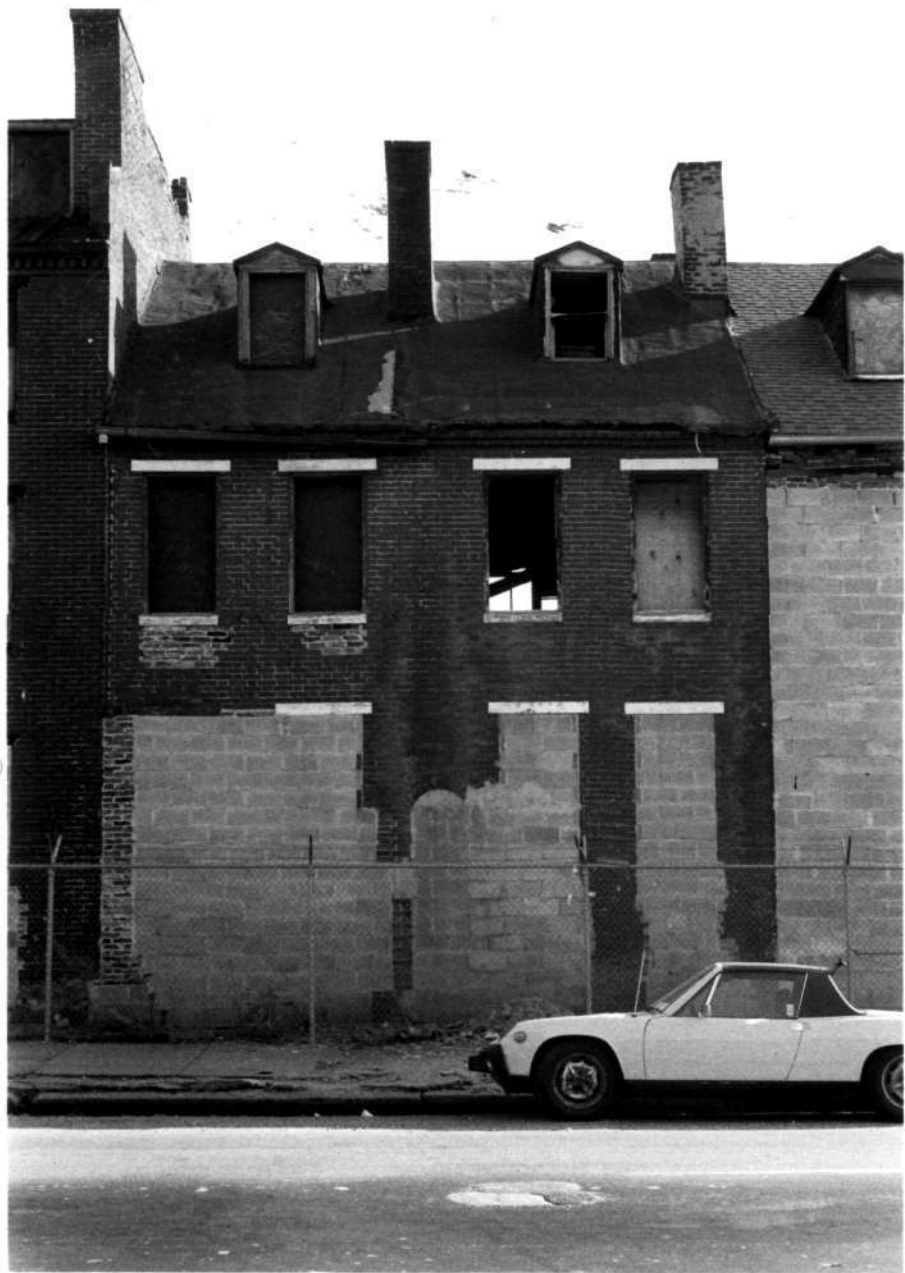
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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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29-31 E. Montgomery St.

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North elevation